

The Honorable Marc Barreca  
Chapter 7  
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

In re

PAKIE VINCENT PLASTINO,  
Debtor.

Case No. 17-11760-MLB

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION  
TO MOTION OF OLGA PLASTINO TO  
COMPEL ABANDONMENT OF  
PROPERTY

Ronald G. Brown, the Chapter 7 trustee ("Trustee" or "Brown") for Pakie Vincent Plastino ("Debtor" or "Plastino") responds in opposition to the Motion to Compell [sic] Trustee to Abandon Property [Dkt. # 378] (the "Abandonment Motion") filed by Olga Plastino, the Debtor's surviving spouse, as follows:

1. This case was commenced by the filing of an individual, incomplete, voluntary Chapter 11 petition by Pakie Vincent Plastino on April 18, 2017 (the "Petition Date") [Dkt. # 1]. The case was later converted to a proceeding under chapter 7 on the motion of creditor James Rigby, the chapter 7 trustee for the bankruptcy estate of Debra L. Wilson in case number 13 20904 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington on June 27, 2017 [Dkt. # 61]. Ronald G. Brown was appointed as the Chapter 7 trustee for Plastino [Dkt. # 62] and has acted in that capacity since his appointment on June 27, 2017. Declaration of Ronald G. Brown in support of this Response (the "Brown Response Decl."), ¶ 2.

1           2.       This is the Debtor's fourth voluntary bankruptcy case in this court. The  
2 Debtor also filed a voluntary bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central  
3 District of California (Riverside). His previous bankruptcy filings and their conclusions are:

4           2.1       Voluntary chapter 11 petition filed June 3, 1982, in the Western District of  
5 Washington under case number 82-10639-TTG, by Marjorie T. Plastino  
and Pakie V. Plastino, dismissed November 12, 1987;

6           2.2       Voluntary chapter 11 petition filed March 24, 2005, in the Western  
7 District of Washington under case number 05-13695-TTG, by Pakie V.  
8 Plastino, converted to chapter 7 on May 30, 2006. Debtor received a  
discharge on February 22, 2007 (the "2005 Bankruptcy");

9           2.3       Voluntary chapter 13 petition filed March 19, 2009, in the Western  
10 District of Washington under case number 09-12531-KAO, by Pakie V.  
11 Plastino, converted to chapter 11 on May 14, 2009, and dismissed on  
December 4, 2009; and

12           2.4       Voluntary chapter 11 petition filed February 3, 2017, in the Central  
13 District of California (Riverside) under case number 17-10871-WJ, by  
Pakie V. Plastino and dismissed on July 6, 2017 (the "California  
Bankruptcy").

14 Brown Response Decl., ¶ 3.

15           3.       The Debtor's surviving spouse, Olga B. Plastino aka Olga Plastino aka  
16 Olga Stewart Plastino aka Olga Stewart aka Olga B. Stewart aka Olga Borisovna Stewart  
17 ("Stewart"), is not a debtor in this case. She previously filed a voluntary chapter 13 petition on  
18 September 22, 2010, in the Western District of Washington under case number 10-21227-MLB  
19 (the "Stewart BK") that was converted to chapter 11 on November 1, 2010, and administratively  
20 closed on February 14, 2014, on entry of a final decree. Brown Response Decl., ¶ 4. The court  
21 entered its Agreed Order Confirming Third Amended Plan [Stewart BK, Dkt. # 134] on  
22 November 21, 2012.

23           4.       The Abandonment Motion is signed by Stewart in her capacity as  
24 "Representative of the Debtor, Pakie V. Plastino." Abandonment Motion, 9:15-16. But it  
25 appears that the legal research and analysis, and perhaps even the drafting, of the Abandonment  
26 Motion was performed by a person or persons with legal training, and the record does not

1 disclose that Stewart has such training. Stewart should be required to identify any person who  
2 assisted her with the preparation of the Abandonment Motion. Brown Response Decl., ¶ 5.

3           5.       The Abandonment Motion purports to request entry of an order  
4 compelling the abandonment of the “real and personal property located at 11740 Riviera PL. NE,  
5 Seattle, WA 98125 and other assets, including but not limited to furniture and personal  
6 belongings, located at this address (the “Property”).” Abandonment Motion, 1:18-19. The  
7 arguments made by Stewart address only the real property commonly known as 11740 Riviera  
8 Place NE, Seattle, Washington (the “Residence”), and do not provide any information regarding  
9 the personal property or present any legal arguments supporting abandonment of the personal  
10 property. The proposed form of order attached to the Abandonment Motion [Dkt. # 378-1]  
11 grants abandonment of the Residence and “all personal property located within the premises[.]”

12           6.       The Trustee and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Indenture  
13 Trustee for Impac Real Estate Asset Trust Series 2006-SDI (“Deutsche Bank”) have each filed a  
14 motion for summary judgment in the jointly administered adversary proceedings pending under  
15 lead case number 20-01012 (the “Deutsche Bank Adversary”), and the hearings on the summary  
16 judgment motions are set concurrently with the Abandonment Motion. In his Motion for  
17 Summary Judgment [Deutsche Bank Adversary, Dkt. # 27], the Trustee seeks to avoid and  
18 preserve Deutsche Bank’s first position deed of trust for the benefit of the estate. The Trustee  
19 requests the court continue the hearing on the Abandonment Motion to a date after the court  
20 enters its orders on the pending summary judgment motions, because if the Trustee prevails on  
21 summary judgment, he will have created significant value for the estate from the Residence,  
22 rendering moot most, if not all, of Stewart’s arguments in favor of abandonment. Brown  
23 Response Decl., ¶ 6. Further, it is not clear what personal property is currently located within the  
24 Residence, and whether, among other things, Stewart might consider fixtures to be personal  
25 property, thus potentially complicating the Trustee’s sale of the Residence. Any order of  
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1 abandonment should exclude any property that is not disclosed on the Debtor's bankruptcy  
2 schedules. Brown Response Decl., ¶ 7.

3 WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests the court enter an order  
4 continuing the hearing on the Abandonment Motion to a date after the court enters its order or  
5 orders on the summary judgment motions pending before this court in the Deutsche Bank  
6 Adversary. In the alternative, the Trustee respectfully requests the court enter an order denying  
7 abandonment of the Residence and "other assets, including but not limited to furniture and  
8 personal belongings" or, if the court finds good cause to grant the requested abandonment, that  
9 any order granting abandonment exclude property not disclosed on the Debtor's bankruptcy  
10 schedules.

11 DATED this 10th day of December, 2020.

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